-(c) The Government have not terminated the services of any of these emDloyees fo far However the following number of personnel have been discharged from service at their own request:—

	Constables	Followers	Trades-men	Total
BSF	213	7	1	221
CRPF		11	9	456
ITBB		5	Nil	30

Demand for creation of Jharkhand State

191. SHRI PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Jharkhand Mukti Morcha has urged Government to create a separate Jharkhand State out of Bihar State in lieu of the support extended by Jharkhand Party to the Rational Front Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No communication to this effect has come to notice.

(b) Does not arise. Highest road accident rates in India

192. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS PORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that road accidents rate in India is highest in the world, *viz.* 34.4 per ten thousand people compared to I3.7 in west Germany, 10 in Japan and 4.8 in Sweden; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to reduce this rate?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS **(SHRI** K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN); (a) No, Sir. According to the World Road Statistics 1987, brought out by International Road Federation, Washington corelated to population as reported in the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics ofl United Nations, July, 1989 issue, the road accidents per ten thousand people in India and the other countries worked out as follows: —

India (1986)	2.8
West Germany (1985)	53.7
lapan (1986)	**47.6**
Sweden (1986)	19.9

However, accidents rate in India is comparatively high if number of accidents is corelated to the vehicle population,

(b) The Central Government,' from time to time, has written to the State Governments to ensure strict control in the matter of issue of driving licences, grant of fitness certificates to vehicles etc. They have also been requested to set up driver training schools to impart training to the applicants of driving licences. The new Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 provides for driver training as a pre-requisite for issuance of licence to drive transport vehicles. Provisions designed to promote road safety include fitment of safety devices in the vehicles, regulations regarding safe load-limits, maximum speed, establishing Truck Parking Complexes along Highways etc.

National Road Safety Council has also been set up to advise on formulation of road safety measures and their implementation through State agencies. The State Governments have also been asked to set up State Level Road Safety Councils.

Road Safety Weeks are organised to bring in public awareness in respect of observance of road discipline. Road Safety Week was observed during 6-12fh June, 1988 and 3rd to 9th April, 1989.

Amendment to Motor Vehicles Act, 1988

193. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: DR. ABRAR AHMAD KHAN;

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 to provide relief to transport operators; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH THE ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) A Committee has been Set up to review the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 in the light of various representations received in this regard. Pending this, no decision to amend the Act has been taken.

Alleged smuggling by Kashmir Government's CTD personnel

194. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV; SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA;

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some persons of Kashmir Government's CTD Cell were arrested in Delhi for smug gling of drugs in Government vehicles; and

(b)' if so, what are the details thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On an information that some dealers of narcotics from J&K visit the J&K I Rest House, Rouse Avenue;, a'trap was l»di by Vigilance Branch of Delhi Police in which two Constables of J&K Police Bash-rat and Hemraj were arrested: with' 3 Kg. 300 gm. of charas and the vehicle -was impounded. A case- FIR: Nb. 21 dated 14-1-90 u/S 20/61/85 NDPSfc Act, P.S. I. P. Estate was registered. Both of them were sent to judicial custody and were subsequently granted bail by the court.

Training to Bodo militants

195. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any inquiry to know where and how the Bodo militants are receiving training inarms for their subversive activities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the concentration pockets/camps identified so far;

(c) whether it is a- fact that Bodo militants are being trained by some former Army, BSF and S.S.B. personnel; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD (SAYEED); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The militants had set up their own training camps particularly in the hilly and forest areas to the North of the river Brahmaputra. Their camps did not have fixed locations.

(c) and (d) No information is available whether former Army, BSF, SSB personnel are tarining the Bodo militants.

Sri Lanka foreign minister's allegation against RAW

196. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA; SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased, to state;